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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of this patent application entitled *Method and System for Assigning Observations* by Mark C. Levedahl, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The specification is amended as follows. Please refer to the attached sheets showing a marked-up version of the amendments to the specification.

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